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SUBJ: SEATO: DESIGNATION OF NEW THAI MILAD

1. GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN, CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND FORWARD, INFORMED POMIL COUNSELOR THAT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 HE REPLACED RETIRED ACM THAWI CHUNLASAP AS THAI MILAD TO SEATO.

2. IN DISCUSSING NEW DESIGNATION, KRIANGSAK CONVEYED SOME SUPRISE OVER MINIMAL ROLE OF MILADS AS RESULT OF DISESTABLISHMENT SEATO MILITARY PLANNING OFFICE EARLY THIS YEAR. HE INDICATED POSSIBLE INTEREST IN HAVING THE MILADS BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING SEATO'S CSI ROLE AND QUERIED POMIL COUNSELOR AS TO WHETHER PRESENT SEATO BUDGET CONTAINS FUNDS FOR AMILADS MEETING. (IT DOES AS A CONTINGENCY.)

3. BEING NEW TO JOB, KRIANGSAK MIGHT BE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF "BEEFING UP" MILADS ROLE, PARTICULARLY AS IT WOULD APPLY TO SUPPORTING RTG IN CSI EFFORTS. KRIANGSAK'S ATTITUDE PROBABLY ALSO INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT HE SERVED AT SEATO SOME YEARS AGO WHEN ITS MILITARY PROFILE WAS MORE PRONOUNCED.

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